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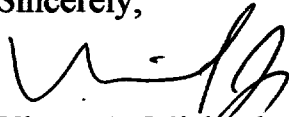
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Magalie Roman Salas, Esquire
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
Room 222
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Ms. Salas,

Enclosed is an original and four copies of a Petition for Rule Making to amend the FM table of allotments for a new FM broadcast station for Merville, Iowa.

Sincerely,

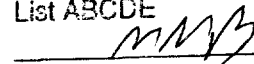


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In the matter of:)

Amendment of Section 73.202 (b))

Table of Allotments)

FM Broadcast Stations)

(Menville, Iowa))

RM-_____

PETITION FOR RULE MAKING

In this petition, Mountain West Broadcasting is hereby requesting to allot channel 246A (97.1 Mhz) to Menville, Iowa as its first local FM allotment.

INTRODUCTION

1. This statement is a petition for rule making to allot FM channel 246A (97.1 Mhz) to Menville and add it to the Commission's FM table of allotments, 73.202. The following will show the need for an FM channel and the effects the allotment of Channel 246A to Menville will have.

DISCUSSION

2. Menville is located in western Iowa. It is also located within Woodbury County, a county of some 98,276 persons. Menville has a population of 1,306 persons in accordance with the U.S. 1990 census.

3. The allotment of channel 246A to Merville will provide the first local broadcast facility to the community and/or the surrounding area. The closest FM allotment to Merville is located at Sioux City, Iowa. Sioux City is located 23 kilometers from Merville.

It is obvious that from the above spacing that Merville is presently without local FM service.

4. Merville would greatly benefit from an FM allotment due to the fact there is no AM or FM broadcast facilities within 23 Kilometers of Merville. Because of this, it would have an outlet for local self expression. Health and safety for the community would be increased due to having a local communications outlet for warning the Merville area of emergency conditions caused by severe weather or other health hazards.

5. Channel 246A can be allotted to Merville and meet all rules and requirements of the Commission. The instant proposal will not cause a change in the channel number or a deletion of any channel now appearing in the Commission's table of allotments 73.202.

	<u>Present</u>	<u>Proposed</u>
Merville, Iowa	-----	246A

6. In accordance with 73.207 of the Commission's rules, "Minimum Distance Separations between Stations", all allotments on Channel 246A and the pertinent adjacent channels to 246A have been studied with the results listed in Figure 1 of this petition. The geographic coordinates used for the spacing

Study (N 42 - 29' - 11", W. 96 - 00' - 36") are that of a site located 5.2 kilometers east of the community of Merville. A site restriction of 5.2 kilometers east will be required to allot channel 246A to Merville. Many suitable transmitter sites are available to provide city grade coverage (3.16 mv/m or 70 dbu) to the entire community of Merville. These sites would also provide full minimum spacing requirements to other allotments.

CONCLUSION

7. It has been shown that Merville would benefit from the allotment of channel 246A. It has also been shown that channel 246A can be allotted to Merville and meet all rules regarding spacing from other stations. Considering these two facts, Mountain West Broadcasting hereby requests that the Federal Communications Commission institute a Rule Making proceeding to amend the Table of Allotments to include channel 246A for Merville, Iowa , 73.202.

8. Should channel 246A be allotted to Merville, I certify that I will file an application for a Construction Permit to operate an FM station for Merville, Iowa.

CERTIFICATION

9. I certify that I have prepared or directly supervised the preparation of this entire Petition for Rule Making, and that the facts contained within are true to the best of my knowledge, information and belief, accurate and true.

Dated: February 10, 1999

Respectfully submitted,



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MAPFM search of channel 246A6 (97.1 MHz), at N. 42 29 11, W. 96 0 36.

Searching Channel 246A6 (97.1 MHz):

CALL	CITY	ST	CHN	CL	S	DIST	SEPN	BRNG	CLEARANCE
ALC	Audubon	IA	243	C1	U	154.0	75.0	135.3°	79.0
KSOM	Audubon	IA	243	C1	L	152.1	75.0	140.1°	77.1
ALC	Sioux Falls	SD	243	C	U	122.4	95.0	339.5°	27.4
KNWCFM	Sioux Falls	SD	243	C	L	128.1	95.0	330.4°	33.1
KNWCFM	Sioux Falls	SD	243	C	L	122.4	95.0	339.5°	27.4
ALC	Clarion	IA	245	C1	U	153.5	133.0	82.4°	20.5
KIAQ	Clarion	IA	245	C1	L	153.8	133.0	82.3°	20.8
ALC	Seward	NE	245	C1	U	166.1	133.0	204.4°	33.1
KZKX	Seward	NE	245	C1	L	166.1	133.0	204.4°	33.1
ALC	Des Moines	IA	247	C1	U	207.8	133.0	116.1°	74.8
KHKI	Des Moines	IA	247	C1	L	207.8	133.0	116.1°	74.8
ALC	Blair	NE	247	C3	V	89.1	89.0	195.0°	0.0
NEW	Blair	NE	247	C3	A	96.3	89.0	187.5°	7.3
NEW	Blair	NE	247	C3	A	95.5	89.0	189.9°	6.5
NEW	Blair	NE	247	C3	A	90.8	89.0	194.5°	1.8
NEW	Blair	NE	247	C3	A	90.8	89.0	194.5°	1.8
NEW	Blair	NE	247	C3	A	91.0	89.0	194.4°	2.0
ALC	Sioux Falls	SD	247	C1	U	133.6	133.0	337.4°	0.6
KMXC	Sioux Falls	SD	247	C1	L	133.6	133.0	337.4°	0.6
KMXC	Sioux Falls	SD	247	C1	C	163.5	133.0	327.6°	30.5
ALC	Alta	IA	248	A	U	62.6	31.0	70.6°	31.6
KBVUFM	Alta	IA	248	A	C	71.0	31.0	76.6°	40.0

FIGURE 1
MOUNTAIN WEST BROADCASTING
MOVILLE, IOWA